

Torrance, California
September 28, 1948

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, September 28, 1948, at 8:05 p.m.

Clerk Bartlett announced that in the absence of Mayor Sherfey it is customary to appoint a Mayor Pro tem.

Councilman Drale moved that Councilman Jackson be appointed to act as Mayor Pro tem. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro tem Jackson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Drale, Haggard, Powell and Jackson. Absent: Councilmen: Sherfey.

All those present in the Council Chamber saluted the Flag.

Councilman Powell moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held September 14, 1948 be approved as written. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro tem Jackson announced that this is the time and place for hearing on the proposed vacation of the alley in Block/No. 10300, as per Ordinance No. 429. F, Tract

Mayor Pro tem Jackson called for protests, either written or oral.

There being no protests, Clerk Bartlett presented for final reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 429

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE CLOSING, VACATING AND
ABANDONING ALL OF THE ALLEY IN BLOCK F,
TRACT NO. 10300 LOCATED IN THE CITY OF
TORRANCE.

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 429 be dispensed with. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried.

Councilman Powell moved that Ordinance No. 429 be adopted for final reading. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication from Swayne A. Johnson, Manager, Torrance Police Ball Team was read for the second time, requesting permission to use the City Ball Diamond, City Park, each Sunday for the next year for the purpose of helping boys in this community interested in athletics.

In connection with this matter, a communication from Dale Riley, Recreation Director, addressed to George Stevens, City Engineer, was read in which Mr. Riley recommended that permission be granted to Mr. Johnson to use the park's ball diamond each Sunday except in the event of certain special events.

Clerk Bartlett also read a communication from Milky William's Local Union 1414, United Steelworkers of America, in which they, too, ask permission to use the ball diamond every other Sunday and Saturday mornings.

Councilman Haggard moved that both communications be referred to the Recreation Committee and the Council as a whole to work out something agreeable to both sides. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was unanimously carried.

A communication was read from Cornell & Foster, Builders, expressing appreciation for the cooperation shown by Mr. Patrick and Mr. Munds. Matter of record.

A letter addressed to the City Council from George Stevens, City Engineer, was read regarding the Vista Highlands Improvement District, in which Mr. Stevens states that progress on the submission of final plans and specifications has been delayed pending design of a drainage system to properly serve the district. Matter of record.

A communication was read from Logan R. Cotton & Bruce Browne, public accountants, submitting their proposal for auditing the books of the City for the fiscal year July 1, 1948 to June 30, 1949:

General Government audit	\$800.00
Bus Department audit	250.00

Councilman Powell moved that the services of Logan R. Cotton and his associate be accepted with the provision that reports be tendered quarterly. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Powell and Jackson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Clerk Bartlett presented for final reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 428

AN ORDINANCE TO BE KNOWN AS THE UNIFORM ELECTRICAL CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE; CREATING THE OFFICE OF CITY ELECTRICIAN, PRESCRIBING HIS DUTIES AND AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF ELECTRICAL PERMITS AND FOR INSPECTIONS AND FIXING THE FEES THEREFOR; REGULATING THE INSTALLATION ARRANGEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS OF ELECTRIC WIRING, ELECTRIC FIXTURES AND OTHER ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND EQUIPMENT; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THE SAME; REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 361 AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH, AND ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THAT CERTAIN PRINTED ELECTRICAL CODE PRINTED IN BOOK FORM ENTITLED "UNIFORM ELECTRICAL CODE", PUBLISHED BY THE PACIFIC COAST ELECTRICAL BUREAU, THREE COPIES OF WHICH ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK FOR USE AND EXAMINATION BY THE PUBLIC.

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 428 be dispensed with. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried.

Councilman Powell moved that Ordinance No. 428 be adopted for final reading. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Powell and Jackson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Clerk Bartlett presented for final reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 430

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING PERIOD OF TIME EMPLOYEES ARE REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH A BONA FIDE RESIDENCE IN THE CITY TO RETAIN EMPLOYMENT.

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Councilman Haggard moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 430 be dispensed with. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried.

Councilman Haggard moved that Ordinance No. 430 be adopted for final reading. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Powell and Jackson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Clerk Bartlett presented for first reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 431

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 316, RECLASSIFYING PORTIONS OF LOTS 1, 2 AND 3, BLOCK 80, TORRANCE TRACT; ALL OF BLOCKS 81 AND 87, TORRANCE TRACT; AND LOTS 1 TO 12, INCLUSIVE, TRACT NO. 4984, FROM AN R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO AN R-2 (TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONE.

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 431 be dispensed with. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried.

Councilman Powell moved that Ordinance No. 431 be adopted for first reading. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Powell and Jackson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Clerk Bartlett presented for first reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 432

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING BOULEVARD STOPS ON CERTAIN STREETS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Haggard moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 432 be dispensed with. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was unanimously carried.

Councilman Haggard moved that Ordinance No. 432 be adopted for first reading. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Powell and Jackson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Clerk Bartlett presented for first reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 433

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING TRAFFIC CONTROL INSTALLATIONS ON CERTAIN STREETS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 433 be dispensed with. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried.

Councilman Powell moved that Ordinance No. 433 be adopted for first reading. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Powell and Jackson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Clerk Bartlett presented for first reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 434

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CREATING AND ESTABLISHING, UNDER AND PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE VII, CHAPTER 3 OF THE CITY CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, THE OFFICE OF DELINQUENT SALES TAX AND DELINQUENT LICENSE FEE COLLECTOR; DEFINING THE DUTIES INCIDENTAL TO SAID OFFICE; FIXING THE COMPENSATION TO BE PAID FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF THE DUTIES OF SAID OFFICE; THE APPOINTMENT OF AN OFFICER TO FULFILL SAID DUTIES; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE.

Councilman Haggard moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 434 be dispensed with. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried.

Councilman Haggard moved that Ordinance No. 434 be adopted for first reading. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Powell and Jackson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1932

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING QUITCLAIM DEED FROM MICHAEL J. McCAFFREY AND AUTHORIZING RECORDING OF SAME.

Councilman Drale moved that Resolution No. 1932 be adopted. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Powell and Jackson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1933

RESOLUTION OF INTENTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO APPROVE CONTRACT PROVIDING FOR PARTICIPATION IN STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR WATER DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Drale moved that Resolution No. 1933 be adopted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Powell and Jackson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from George W. Stevens, City Engineer, submitting the following recommendations for the Council's consideration and approval:

PERSONNEL:

1. That the following named personnel, having successfully passed the Civil Service Examination for Fireman, be appointed to serve their probationary period, effective on the dates indicated, and that their compensation be at the rate of \$242.00 per month:

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- a. Carl Nalborski, effective October 2, 1948
 - b. Gordon Jonsrund, effective October 1, 1948
 - c. Harry Drake, effective October 16, 1948
2. That the Torrance Medical Group be designated as the Examining Board for the City for the period September 15, 1948 to December 31, 1948.
 3. That an expense allowance in the amount of \$100.00 be allowed W. H. Munds to attend the Building Officials Convention in Sacramento, October 11 to 15, 1948.

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. For the purchase of a spraying machine, the sum of \$272.42, including tax.
2. For Liability Insurance at the airport the sum of \$191.82 (from Airport Funds).
3. For Comprehensive Fire and Theft Insurance on City Fleet, the sum of \$682.37.
4. For the purchase of 5,000 commutation books for the Bus Department, the sum of \$149.19, including tax.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. That the application of Darr R. Moore to operate a taxi cab be denied for the reason that public convenience and necessity does not demand additional cab service.
2. That the typical cross-sections for Western Avenue between Torrance Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway, submitted by the City of Los Angeles, be accepted.
3. That the street improvements on Tract No. 14232 (Torrance Manor) be accepted.

Councilman Drale moved that the recommendations of City Engineer Stevens be approved. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Powell and Jackson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Councilman Drale stated that he would like the City Engineer to make a survey of installing a couple of outside entrance doors into the Auditorium in order that the rest rooms would be made available to the public, yet the Auditorium itself closed off.

Upon suggestion by Mayor Pro tem Jackson, Councilman Drale so moved. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell stated that inasmuch as the City had been receiving the benefits of a delinquent sales tax and license fee collector since the first of the year, yet just tonight established and created such an office, that the provisions of Ordinance No. 434 should be made retroactive and so moved. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Powell and Jackson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Councilman Powell also suggested that the members of the Council remain in the Council Chamber for a short while after each meeting in order that those in the audience who wished to talk to the individual Councilmen about various and sundry matters might have an opportunity to do so.

Mayor Pro tem Jackson thanked Councilman Powell for the suggestion and heartily approved of it.

Councilman Haggard asked that City Engineer Stevens advise the Girl Scout Leaders as to what the possibilities were for fixing up the Scout House.

Mr. Stevens stated that possibly the City could replace the windows and protect them with wire mesh, and possibly bolt down the outside shutters to keep them from being broken.

Mrs. Caroline Humphreys (Scout Leader) asked if there was any way the inside of the house could be cleaned up as in its present condition of defiled walls, etc., she couldn't take her girls into it. She also asked if they could have police patrol for a week or two to "earn the reputation" that the house was no longer a "hangout" and a "rendezvous".

Councilman Powell concurred in Mrs. Humphreys statement about the condition of the walls and advised that Mr. Riley and his men would do something about the situation.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Kenneth Beight (United Steelworkers) asked if it would be permissible for a representative of each group requesting use of the ball diamond to be present at the meeting between the Recreation Committee and the Council.

Mayor Pro tem Jackson replied that that was the intention.

Mr. Beight also asked if something could be done about the condition of the street and sidewalks in front of the C.I.O. Hall.

City Engineer Stevens advised that the matter was already being looked into.

Councilman Powell moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Powell and Jackson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

At 8:40 p.m., upon motion of Councilman Powell and seconded by Councilman Drale, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.

A. H. Barthol

CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:

John H. Sherfey Jr.

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

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